

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 14, 2006.

In the outstanding office action, new grounds for rejection have been raised. More vertically, the examiner has made of record patents to Groves and Winston. For reasons discussed below, it is believed clear that the claimed combination is not anticipated or made obvious by the cited art.

In connection with this, it is noted that only obviousness rejections were made against claims 5, 7, 10, 12 and 16-20. It is respectfully noted that the combination of these reference is not sufficient to render the claim combinations in these claims obvious. Nevertheless, in an attempt to expedite allowance of the application, applicant has amended most of the claims in order to make their patentability apparent and beyond question.

More particularly, it is first noted that the subject art is quite crowded. Moreover, the subject structures are, in their essence, simplistic and straightforward. Nevertheless, all of the arts suffers from deficiencies which all are not at all apparent from the art. For example, Groves appears to teach a perfectly workable weight for the wrist. Indeed weights of this sort would, in fact, worked very well. However, unsecured at the "elbow" side of the weight, heavier weights are not going to be comfortable. Moreover, such heavier weights would tend to accumulate in one direction or another without a cellular arrangement. These problems are not apparent and would not occur in a weight the size of that shown in Groves.

Likewise, while weighted glove sections in the patent to Jackson, the fingers are only included in order to accommodate finger weights. In contrast, the present invention has a full hand section defining a plurality of fingers. The result is that forces, associated with use of a glove having a relatively great amount of weight or even a lesser amount of weight, are distributed not only over the relatively small line shaped areas between the fingers (as would be the case with Groves), but also over the entire finger.

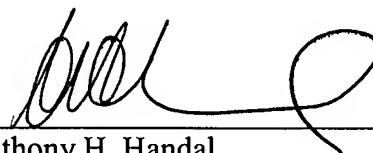
Finally, there would be no motivation to employ the device of Winston, because the authority has a base which can be secured around the wrist. However, the present invention has the advantage of spreading weight not only around the wrist but also of spreading forces due to movement over the entire surface of the fingers. Moreover, in the combination claimed in claim 17, forces are further stabilized by the wrist strap.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims presently pending in the application are clearly in condition for allowance and patentably distinguish over the art of record. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0369.

Respectfully submitted,



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